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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR Sections 1.56 and 1.98, copies of the documents cited on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B (other than the cited U.S. Patent) are submitted for consideration during examination of this application. The published Japanese Patent Applications JP 03223958A, JP 03242793A and JP 05216861A and the Toshiba publication were cited by a Japanese Examiner during prosecution of a related Japanese patent application which claims priority from U.S. Application Serial No. 08/313,988 (the parent of the currently pending application). U.S. Patent No. 5,144,115 claims priority from the JP 03223958A application.

As understood by the patentee, the relevance of the published Japanese patent applications may be determined from the accompanying English abstract of each application. The relevance of the JP 03223958A application may also be determined from the related U.S. Patent No. 5,144,115.

As understood by the patentee, the Toshiba publication is an instruction manual for a computer software product of a company's computer operating system including the company's accounting functions, disclosing that a host computer located at the head office of the company is in communication with computer terminals located at plural branch offices of that company. Company transaction data may be transmitted from the computer terminals to the host

computer. The host computer provides accounting files, including a general ledger file, a total income statement file and the like for the company, based on the data sent from the computer terminals of the branch office and also transaction data input into the host computer at the company's head office. Customer and company account files may be resident in computer terminals at a branch office and standard company codes may be input into the host computer and computer terminals of the company for company business.

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Respectfully submitted,

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